



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : **Tornier, Alain**  
Serial No. : **10/730,276**  
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Title : PROCESS FOR THE STERILE PACKAGING OF A  
PROSTHETIC IMPLANT MADE OF POLYETHYLENE  
G.A.U : 1744  
Examiner : McKane, Elizabeth L.  
10 Atty. Docket : 14542

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

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**RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION**

In Response to the Office Action of October 18, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

An amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure is presented at page 2 of  
20 this response.

An amendment to the Specification begins at page 3 of this response.

An amendment to and complete listing of the Claims begins at page 7 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this response.

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